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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR SA EG

SUBJECT: SAUDI ASSESSMENT OF EGYPT

1. WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT TOM LIPPMAN HAS JUST RETURNED FROM 12-DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA DURING WHICH HE HAD WIDE VARIETY OF CONTACTS WITH SAUDI GOVERNMENT LEADERS, INCLUDING DEPUTY FONMIN, MINPET YAMANI AND MINISTER OF PLANNING. HE DID NOT HAVE PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH PRINCE FAHD BUT WAS ASKED TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS IN WRITING. ANSWERS NOT YET RECEIVED. LIPPMAN WAS STRUCK WITH EXTENT TO WHICH SAUDI OFFICIALS APPEARED TO HAVE BOUGHT EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION THAT COMMUNISTS WERE BEHIND JAN 18-19 DEMONSTRATIONS AND THAT SADAT INDEED FACES "RED MENACE". 2. LIPPMAN ALSO CONCLUDED THAT SAUDIS WERE PREPARED TO HELP SADAT FINANCIALLY IN DAYS AHEAD ALTHOUGH NO FIGURES WERE MENTIONED. SAUDIS MADE STRONG CASE FOR NECESSITY THAT US MOVE QUICKLY ON ME PEACE SETTLEMENT SINCE SADAT, ASAD AND ARAFAT WERE ALL FACING CHALLENGES TO THEIR POSITIONS THAT COULD BECOME SERIOUS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY JIDDA ASSESSMENT OF HOW SAUDI GOVERNMENT VIEWS EGYPT IN AFTERMATH OF JAN. 18-19 RIOTS. EILTS
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